

MILPERSMAN 7220-182

BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE (BAS) II

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References	(a) 37 U.S.C. 402 (b) DODD 1418.5 of 10 Jun 2003 (c) DOD 7000.14-R, Financial Management Regulation, Volume 7A, Military Pay Policy and Procedures Active Duty and Reserve Pay
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1. **Purpose.** Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) II is designed to provide a special rate of subsistence for enlisted members permanently assigned to single (unaccompanied) government quarters without adequate facilities for food storage or food preparation, and where a government mess is not available and the government cannot otherwise make meals available per references (a) through (c).

2. **Definitions**

a. **Adequate Food Storage and Preparation Facilities:**
Generally, suggested guidelines for adequate food storage and preparation facilities are those facilities

(1) that are near, but separate from the bedroom and bathroom; and

(2) comprised of a refrigerator with freezer, a conventional oven or microwave, a kitchen sink, and a dry food pantry or storage cabinets.

b. **Government Mess:** A dining facility supported with appropriated funds that provides meals or rations to military members subsisted in kind or sold at food cost. The term includes the following activities: general mess, wardroom mess, officer's mess, chief petty officer's mess, field mess, dining hall, dining activity, dining facility, mess hall, galley, field kitchen, flight kitchen, or similar terms used to describe dining facilities funded totally by appropriated funds. It does not include activities operated with non-appropriated funds such

as officers' club, enlisted club, squadron mess, organized mess, or similar terms, except when those activities provide meals or rations under contract or agreement with the applicable operating and food costs borne by appropriated funds.

3. **General Eligibility Criteria.** BAS II may be paid to enlisted members assigned to vessels in a pre-commissioning status, and enlisted members approved due to unique or unusual circumstances. To be eligible for BAS II, a servicemember must meet all of the following criteria:

- a. Enlisted servicemember entitled to BAS.
- b. Permanently assigned to single (unaccompanied) government quarters without adequate food storage or preparation facilities.
- c. There is no available government messing facility.
- d. Government cannot otherwise make meals available.

4. **Requests.** Requests for BAS II shall be forwarded to Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Military Compensation Policy Branch (CNO (N130)) for approval/disapproval. Requests should include at a minimum:

- a. Number of Sailors impacted.
- b. Characteristics of quarters - available food storage or preparation facility.
- c. Statement that a government messing facility is not available. (The installation commander will determine availability of government messing facility for enlisted members performing duty at that installation.) Government messing includes facilities ashore and those located on a vessel.
- d. Estimated duration of the requirement for BAS II.

NOTE: Commander, Navy Installations (CNI) Command is the designated authority responsible for determining whether the facilities are sufficient to allow for sanitary food storage and preparation of nutritious meals.

5. **Rate.** The rate for BAS II is fixed at twice the rate of standard enlisted BAS.

6. **Restrictions**. The following restrictions apply to BAS II entitlement:

a. Enlisted BAS II is not authorized when a government mess is temporarily closed for less than 14 days.

b. Enlisted members receiving BAS II at their permanent station who are hospitalized or performing regular permissive temporary additional duty (TAD) (including field duty, sea duty, essential unit messing, or group travel) under orders away from the permanent station will revert to standard enlisted BAS for the period of absence from the permanent station.

c. Payment of BAS II shall be applied uniformly for all enlisted members permanently assigned to single government quarters under similar circumstances at the same installation.